

Wenham Open Space and Recreation Survey

The Town of Wenham is in the process of updating its 2001 Open Space and Recreation Plan. An update is necessary to keep the Town eligible for State reimbursement programs and grants for open space and recreation facility acquisition and or improvements. This survey is being conducted in order to understand the needs and concerns of Wenham's citizens.

Open spaces are public and private undeveloped lands which are important for a variety of reasons including recreation, natural resource protection, scenic qualities, and their contribution to the overall character of the town. As the town grows, open space planning will help us preserve open space while allowing development to occur that maintains the character of the town.

Please answer the following questions for your entire household:

1. How many years have you lived in Wenham? _____

2. How many people share your household? _____

3. What do you like best about living in Wenham?

4. Which of the following recreational areas do you use most often?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pingree Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Gordon College campus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> West Wenham Playground | <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasant Pond Beach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasant Pond Boat Ramp | <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Pond Sanctuary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> J.C. Phillips Nature Preserve | <input type="checkbox"/> Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buker School grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Center School Grounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winthrop School Grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Grounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WVIS tennis courts and/or playground | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Hill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patton Park (Hamilton) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wenham Country Club Golf Course |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lakeview Golf Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian trails (ECTA or other) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Rail property (open space) | <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Rail Soccer Fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reynolds and Proctor Woodland | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Street playground (Hamilton) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Center (Hamilton) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify place and use) _____ | |

5. How satisfied are you with the existing recreational areas for use by:

children?	<input type="checkbox"/> satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> dissatisfied
adults?	<input type="checkbox"/> satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/> neutral	<input type="checkbox"/> dissatisfied

6. Do you feel there is a need to preserve open space and natural areas in Wenham?

_____ yes _____ no

7. Do you feel there is a need for additional active recreational facilities in Wenham?

_____ yes _____ no

8. What are the top five recreational facilities you would like to have in Wenham?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Softball field | <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball Field |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball Court | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Field |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Court | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

9. What additional open space areas would you like to see in Wenham?

- ☐ relatively undeveloped natural areas to be used for:
(please specify) _____
- ☐ developed recreation areas to be used for:
(please specify) _____

10. What is the relative importance to you of each of the following land uses in Wenham:

(Circle the number. 1=more important, 2=neutral, and 3=less important)

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| land with buildings of historical/architectural interest--- | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| land with historic value ----- | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| farmland ----- | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| open space which protects water supplies ----- | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| open space which provides wildlife habitat ----- | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| open space for recreation (trails, nature study,etc.)----- | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| developed recreational sites (playgrounds, ballfields,etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| land with scenic views ----- | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| other (please specify) _____ | | | |

11. What residential growth policy do you favor for the town? (Please check one)

- ☐ retain present lot size (40,000 sq. ft. of dry land)
- ☐ decrease minimum lot size
- ☐ increase minimum lot size
- ☐ cluster houses on smaller lots with adjacent open space

12. What kind of housing would you like to see in Wenham? (Please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> affordable/subsidized | <input type="checkbox"/> multifamily |
| <input type="checkbox"/> elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> clustered homesites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> single family | <input type="checkbox"/> scattered low-density development |

Please return the survey to the Permitting Office at Wenham Town Hall or you may scan and email your answers to ecademartori@wenhamma.gov If you have any questions about the survey, or if you would like to join the Open Space and Recreation Committee to assist with the Plan, you may call the Conservation Commission office, 468-5520 ext 8.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP !